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### **Consideration of IDS**

1. The IDS filed 10 February 2006 has been considered. The reference US 1,594,516 has been crossed of on the form 1449 solely to avoid duplication, because it was all ready cited by the examiner during prosecution. All the references have been considered.
2. US 6,390,663 is now cited by the examiner. It is an English document apparently disclosing the same information as EP 0 955 081.
3. Several references in the IDS represent close prior art with respect to the invention. These are EP 0 955 081 A1 (US 6,390,663), DE 44 16 593 C1, EP 0 796 652 A1, and DE 9407810. The independent claims of the instant invention are distinguished over these references at least by the requirement that the pulley shaft be within the middle arm of the c-shaped bracket.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Sorkin whose telephone number is 571-272-1148. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 -5:30 Mon.-Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L. Walker can be reached on 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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